

7,335 Total Decisions

Crusade Attracts Overflow Crowd

An overflow crowd of more than 52,000 filled the seats of Jackson's Memorial Stadium and spread out onto the playing field to hear Evangelist Billy Graham speak during the last service on Sunday of the Mississippi Billy Graham Crusade.

It was said to be the largest crowd ever gathered for any purpose in Mississippi. Being more than the capacity of the stadium, the service had a larger attendance than has ever been at a football game there.

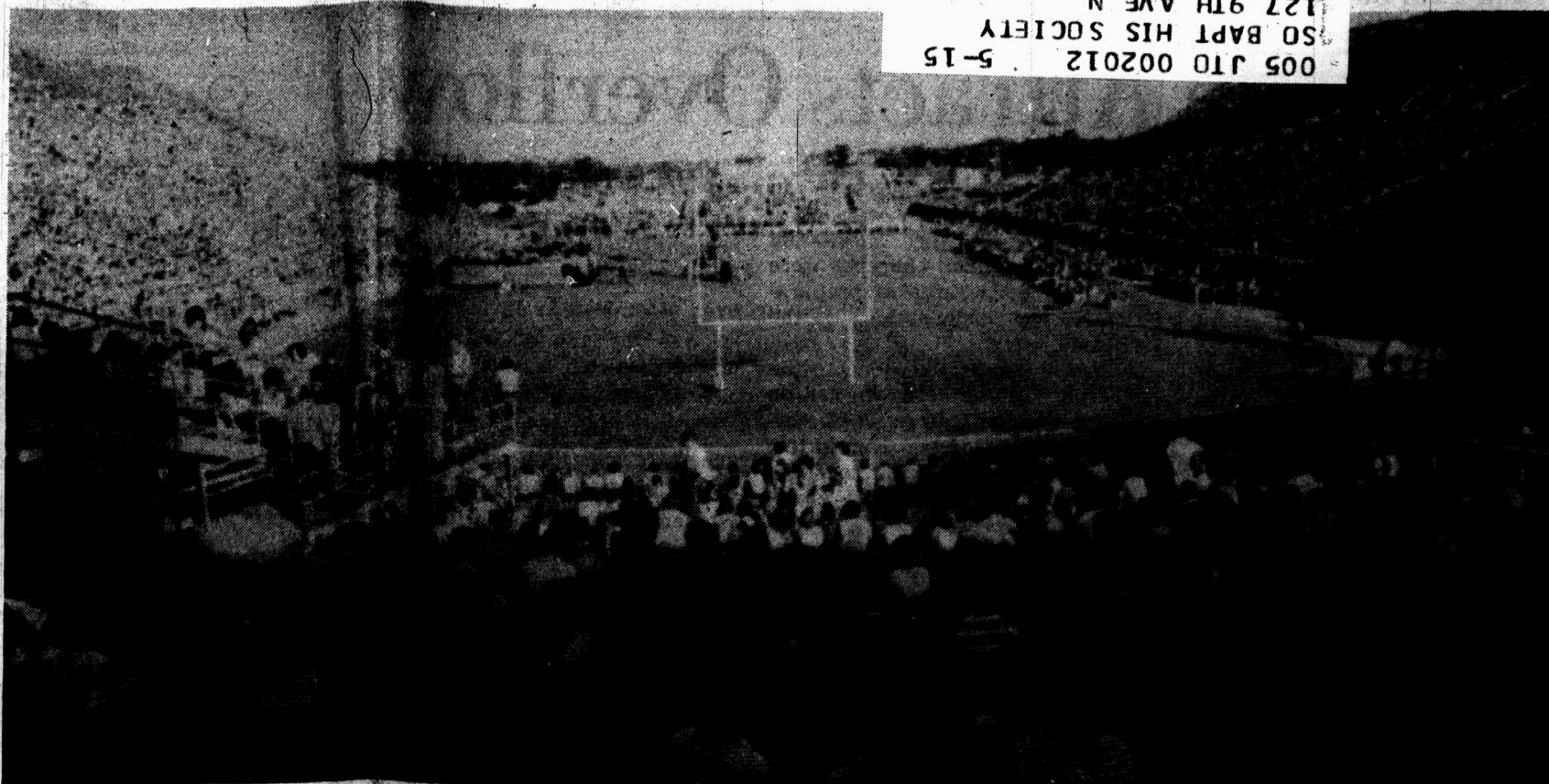
During the week the accumulative total attendance amounted to 281,100.

Following the Sunday evening message there were 1,472 inquir-

ers who came out of the stands to make decisions. Of these 467 were for profession of faith. The week's total number of decisions amounted to 7,335, of which 2,424 were professions of faith.

Special guests included Ethel Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cash, Bob and Jane Henley, Myrtle Hall Maloney, Bob Tyler, Andre Crouch, June Hunt, Jerry Clower, Kent Hutcherson, Norma Zimmer, and the Jones Sisters.

After weeks of rain the skies cleared for the first three nights of the crusade. The rains returned again on Wednesday and Friday, but Thursday, Saturday, and the final Sunday were free of rain. (Continued on page 2)



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Breakfast, Torch Run Recall Cooperative Program Date

MEMPHIS (BP)—A breakfast crowd of 350 Southern Baptists, heavily sprinkled with leaders of the 12.5-million-member denomination, celebrated the 50th birthday of their Cooperative Program here with accolades, prayers of thanksgiving, and the launching of a 29-day, 1,300-mile torch run.

The prayer breakfast for the denomination's unified giving plan attracted bevy of agency executives, state Baptist convention from the pews to old Ellis Auditorium, now part of Cook Convention Center, where Southern Baptists started the Cooperative Program on May 13, 1925.

Also among the guests were eight Southern Baptists who actually witnessed the event. They were Robert F. Polk of Ponca City, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Claybrook, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore, and Mrs. A. C. Rodgers, all of Memphis; Mrs. R. H. Jones of Nashville; and Alvin Huffman of Blytheville, Ark.

As a climax to the breakfast, Porter Routh of Nashville, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, lit a Cooperative Program torch which 1,200 teenage Royal Ambassador boys will carry across four states to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 10-12, at Miami Beach.

In lighting the torch, held by Mark Simmons, a Royal Ambassador at Belmont Heights Baptist Church of Nashville, Routh reminded the audience that the flame was more than fire and that it represented the light of life.

Polk, pastor of First Baptist Church of Ponca City, opened the breakfast by recalling that he viewed the birth of the Cooperative Program as a five-month-old baby "in my mother's arms."

During the last 50 years, I've seen the Cooperative Program grow to become the largest and most stable system of giving in the world." (In 50 years the Cooperative Program has raised \$1.6

billion for state and national SBC needs not including billions retained by local churches for their needs.)

"I try to lead every church I pastor to increase its gifts to the Cooperative Program," Polk dis-

Angolan Missionaries Face Danger; Worship Continues

LUANDA, Angola (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries report they are safe and "unafraid" in the midst of fighting between the three political factions here but have faced several narrow escapes.

Meanwhile, worship by missionaries and Angolan Baptists has continued as they join together in the presence of violence.

Three missionary men went in a land rover on a rescue mission into the area of the city where white people were burned out in July and August. Anyone trying to go into the area has been subject to robbery, stoning, or death, according to Mrs. Harrison H. Pike, a missionary.

Their mission was to rescue an Angolan pastor and his family trapped there in the parsonage next to the church while shots, rockets, and mortar exploded all around them.

"It was a matter of accepting a responsibility, and the words of Esther (in the Old Testament): 'And if I perish, I perish,' became very real to them," said Mrs. Pike. One man, James V. Holland, went with one arm in a cast, saying that he could at least carry out one child.

"What a joy it was for all of us to see the land rover returning with the three husbands in the

front, the back end piled high with what little household goods they could wisely bring out, with a mattress over the heads of the mother and children. The pastor and his brother were hanging on behind," Mrs. Pike wrote.

Another brother, a pastor from Carmona, came to the Pike's home to see his two brothers. The three had fled in different directions when the trouble began in 1961 and had not seen each other (Continued on page 2)

Foreign Board Appoints 14 For Overseas Service

RICHMOND (BP)—Fourteen missionaries were appointed, \$92,770 was appropriated for world relief and current reports were heard on Vietnam missionaries and refugees at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's May meeting here.

Of the relief funds, \$30,000 was designated for refugee relief in Angola, \$28,000 for food production and distribution in Bang-

FMB Allocates \$30,000 For Angolan Relief

RICHMOND (BP)—The Foreign Mission Board has appropriated \$30,000 for relief aid for refugees in the African nation of Angola in response to a request from missionaries there.

The largest group of refugees have returned home after 14 years of living in exile in the forests to the north of their villages.

They are centered in the Ambrizete-Musserra area in Northwestern Angola and around the city of Carmona. Another group, those left homeless in fighting between the nation's three political factions in the capital, Luanda, may develop later.

"The appropriation is to meet emergency needs while a complete evaluation is being made," said Davis L. Saunders, the board's secretary for eastern and southern Africa.

Southern Baptist missionaries, after visiting the refugee areas, have devised a plan for refugee aid.

"We found them hungry, nearly (Continued on page 2)

Program is the best practical plan of sharing the gospel with people everywhere."

Robert Lee of Alexandria, La., executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, said the denomination, during the current (Continued on page 2)

1,300-Mile Run To SBC Begins

MEMPHIS (BP)—As a duet sang "Pass It On," Mark Simmons of Nashville ran from Cook Convention Center here carrying a lighted torch on the first leg of a 1,300 mile journey.

A crowd of 350 Southern Bap-



THE TORCH IS LIT—A torch symbolizing the Cooperative Program was lit during a Stewardship Commission-sponsored breakfast in Memphis May 13 by Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee. Mark Simmons, of Nashville, Tenn., was the first of over 1,200 Royal Ambassador boys expected to carry the torch before it arrives in Miami Beach on June 10.

Mississippians Appointed For Rhodesian Service

RICHMOND —Rev. and Mrs. Roger M. Bostick Jr. were among 14 missionaries appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in its meeting here May 13. Employed as missionary associates, the Bosticks expect to be assigned to station maintenance work in Rhodesia.

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Rev. and Mrs. Roger M. Bostick Jr.

tist Convention leaders applauded and a group of Royal Ambassador (RA) boys cheered as young Simmons inaugurated the torch run to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the SBC's Cooperative Program unified budget.

After winding through Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and Florida, the torch is scheduled to reach Miami Beach the night of June 10, during the SBC Stewardship Commission's report to the denomination's annual meeting.

About a half-mile from the Cook Convention Center, Simmons passed the torch to Ricky Franz, also of Nashville. Both boys are active in the Royal Ambassador boys program at the Belmont Heights Baptist Church.

With a police motorcycle escort and safety vehicles in front and (Continued on page 2)

First, Biloxi, To Observe 100th Anniversary

The First Baptist Church of Biloxi will celebrate its Centennial Anniversary on May 25. Many

former staff members will be present to lead in the worship services. Rev. Schuyler Batson, now pastor of the Emmanuel Church in Alexandria, La., will deliver the message in the 8:45 a.m. service. Dr. Joe Tuten, who left the Biloxi church to accept Calvary Church in Jackson in 1961, will deliver the message at the 11 a.m. service.

The 2 p.m. service will feature Dr. Joe Odle, editor of the Baptist Record and former pastor of First Church in Gulfport, with an historical message, and Dr. Larry Rohrman, who pastored the Biloxi Church in the late sixties, with the closing message.

Rev. G. C. Hodge, who pastored the church for over 20 years beginning in 1931, will also participate in the program. Sunday School is receiving major attention on this day. A goal of 1,000 in attendance has been set. The previous high was 864 in 1974. Tom Lester will be flying in from Beverly Hills, Calif., to be the guest-speaker during the Sunday School hour. He will also participate in the 11 a.m. service that (Continued on page 2)

Three Baptist Missionaries Stay In Laos; Families Exit

VIETIANE, Laos (BP)—Three Southern Baptist Convention missionary men remain here in the face of the recent governmental shift toward total Communist control. Other missionaries and their children have been evacuated to Bangkok, Thailand.

"We do not see this as similar to the Vietnam situation in that there is no fighting going on and, at least for the time being, it appears we can continue our ministry in Laos," said R. Keith Parks, the Foreign Mission

Board's secretary for Southeast Asia.

"We are hopeful," Parks continued, "that we will have the opportunity to do as much as we can for as long as we can. We do feel a great sense of urgency in light of all that's happening in Southeast Asia."

The J. Murphy Terry family, assigned to Laos, are in the States on furlough as will be the Jerald W. Perrill family after May 20. When Perrill leaves, Jack W. Kinnison Jr. and Douglas G.

Ringer will remain in Laos.

Missionary journeyman Miss Andrea Bass and the families of Perrill, Kinnison, and Ringer are in Bangkok.

Parks will go to Laos to confer with missionaries and assess the situation in terms of security and of continued service there. Parks said the American Embassy indicates the present situation seems stable and Americans are free to move in and out of the country.



OLD TIMERS RECALL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BIRTH — Six "old timers" and two "youngsters" who attended the 1925 Southern Baptist Convention when the Cooperative Program was created returned to Memphis for the 50th Anniversary Cooperative Program Breakfast on May 13, 1975, exactly 50 years later. The group included (front row, left to right, back row right to left), Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore, of Memphis, retired Shelby Baptist Association superintendent of missions; Mrs. A. C. Rodgers, of Memphis who did WMU work in Helena, Ark.; Mrs. and Mr. Lyn Claybrook, retired Baptist pastor still preaching in Memphis; Alvin "Bo" Huffman, now executive vice president of the SBC Radio-TV Commission who attended the 1925 convention as a 10-year-old boy; Mrs. R. H. Jones of Nashville, former WMU worker from Osceola, Ark.; and Robert Polk, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ponca City, Okla., who participated in a WMU pageant as a baby in his mother's arms.

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Downpours did not dampen the spirit of the services, however, and inquirers came through ankle-deep water at times to make their way onto the field and to the speaker's stand.

An impressive sight was the thousands streaming out of the stands as the invitation began, even though it was to be realized that at least half of those moving forward were counselors.

Preliminary figures revealed that more than \$378,000 was given during the offerings taken at the crusade. The budget was \$266,000. All income in excess of the budget will be used for the Billy Graham Television Ministry and world hunger relief. Final audited figures will be published later.

The rain added to the interest of the services, as a tent was set up over the speaker's stand, and Evangelist Graham spoke in a raincoat. Guest singer June Hunt used an umbrella as she sang one night. Gaily colored umbrellas sprouted throughout the stands as the rain began to fall on two nights.

The total effort involved members of churches of a number of

denominations and churches in Jackson and beyond.

Members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention churches were active in every area of preparation for and participation in the crusade.

Several Baptists served on the Steering Committee or worked on one of the committees which served with the steering committee. James Carr, Jackson business executive, was the general chairman of the crusade.

Three Jackson pastors were on the committee. They were David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor, vice-chairman; Joe Tuten pastor of Calvary, and Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway.

Others on the steering committee or working with it were Larry Black, First, chairman of the music committee; Charley Baker, First, chairman of counseling; Billy Jim Thompson, Broadmoor, chairman of arrangements; Hiram Powell, Parkway, chairman of ushers; Joe Odle, Baptist Record, secretary; Joe Jack Hurst, First, attorney; Gary Cress, First, chairman of Co-Labor Force; and Norris Stampely, Alta Woods.

Many churches were involved in activities related to the crusade.

Broadmoor Church was the scene of the pastor's breakfast which brought together the largest interdenominational group of pastors ever assembled in Jackson. It also was the site of the largest of the Christian Life and Witness classes held each week in April.

Calvary Church hosted the first general preparation rally with more than 1,500 attending, and the Women's Prayer rally with about the same number. The church also made available to the crusade its grand piano, for use on the platform.

First Church was the site of the men's prayer rally with more than 1,200 attending; of the youth rally with hundreds of young people present; and the School of Evangelism with more than 1,400 enrolled from many states.

Richland Church at Plain and Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, were hosts of Christian Life and Witness Classes.

Several churches loaned folding chairs for use in the crusade.

Hundreds of pastors, laymen, and young people from area Baptist churches were involved in the counselling each evening. Other hundreds served as ushers; worked in the Co-Labor Force, which correlated the reports after each service; hosted prayer meetings, etc. Thousands of Baptists were in the choir.

Carr commented that this crusade accomplished two firsts in crusade history. It was the first time that the entire crusade budget was met by the fourth day of the crusade and the first time that 90 per cent of the people who trained in the Christian Life and Witness classes volunteered to be counselors. The average for most crusades is approximately sixty per cent. Describing the evangelistic impact at these meetings, he added "The crusade has made us realize we should be doing this every day."

Because the budget was reached so early, all remaining offerings were designated either for the Billy Graham television ministry which will present the Mississippi Crusade on television across North America this fall or for the newly established world emergency relief fund, an arm of the Graham ministry that sends relief to famine stricken and disaster areas around the world.

Gov. William Waller, who only missed two services said, "The Mississippi Billy Graham Crusade has done more to bring a spirit of togetherness than any single event in my lifetime. It was wonderful to see clergy and people of all denominations and races gathering together for one purpose and one goal."

For several months prior to the crusade, more than 3,000 homes in a 60 mile radius around Jackson became prayer centers. Block by block people gathered in homes to pray for the crusade meetings and related crusade events.

Besides the pre-crusade ministers' meetings, prayer rallies, and a men's meeting with Tom Landry, head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, team members expanded the evangelistic thrust through the crusade by holding meetings in hospitals, schools, prisons, civic clubs, and churches.

The School of Evangelism brought pastors and their wives and laymen from 15 states and 31 denominations to study evangelism under the leadership of some of the most outstanding church men in the world.

Mr. Graham's next American Crusade will be at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, beginning August 31.



Rankin Gets Check For Church Expansion

Dr. Eugene H. Dobbs, right, chairman of the New Church Expansion Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, presents a check to Dr. J. Roy McComb, Moderator of the Rankin County Baptist Association, second from right, and Rev. J. C. Renfro, director of missions for Rankin County Baptist Association. Art Nelson, business manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, looks on. The check, to be used for the purchase of property for the Crossgates Mission in Rankin Association, represents the first expenditure by the New Church Expansion Committee, whose primary responsibility is to assist in establishing new churches in rapidly expanding areas of the state. Dr. David Durrett is pastor of the Crossgates Mission.

1,300 Mile Run Begins

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behind, the runners moved along at a brisk pace.

Buses dropped the runners off at half-mile intervals and then picked them up after they had finished their stint.

"We had never really thought very much about the Cooperative Program and how it works until we got started on this project," said Simmons.

"Then our RA leader started telling us things, and we found out more on our own."

Simmons and Franz are part of the cast for a skit at a rally marking the torch arrival in Nashville. "The skit is about how the Cooperative Program began" in 1925, said Franz. "We have learned a lot just from working on it."

Prompting people to ask questions and get information about the Cooperative Program is a major purpose of the torch run.

Glendon McCullough, executive director of the SBC Brotherhood Commission, which sponsors the RA program, explained the project to the convention leaders gathered at a breakfast sponsored by the SBC Stewardship Commission.

"During the next 20 days, we will have many deputy sheriffs—and maybe quite a few Baptists—who will be asking what this torch means. And, by June 10, we will have 1,200 boys with sore feet who know what the Cooperative Program is all about."

Porter Routh of Nashville, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, lit the torch and gave a challenge to the runners.

"As you start with the light, keep in mind that you are not just carrying the light of this torch. Remember the words of John 8:12 in which Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world: He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.'"



ON THE WAY — Len Tolbert, 17-year-old Royal Ambassador at First Baptist Church Ripley, Tennessee, carries a lighted torch during the Tennessee leg of a 1,300-mile torch relay from Memphis to Miami.

FMB Allocates Angolan Relief

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naked, with poor eyesight. The children showed signs of malnutrition," said Mrs. Harrison H. Pike, Southern Baptist missionary. "The women hid themselves because they did not have adequate clothing to cover themselves," Mrs. Pike said.

In 1961, the refugees took shelter in the forests during the fighting between the terrorists, now called liberation forces, and the Portuguese soldiers. Since the Portuguese military coup in April, 1974, this overseas state of Portugal has enjoyed greater freedom. Many refugees were able to return home safely.

Relief efforts began immediately, even before the completion of the missionaries' trip. Pike described the situation as "no rain, no hoes, no gardens, no food."

They purchased 300 hoes in Ambrizete for \$1 each and took 200 to Mussera. They gave the rest to refugees in the Cammona area. "The women clutched the hoes to their breasts and tears streamed down their cheeks," Mrs. Pike said.

The relief program outlined by Pike involves persons belonging to all three political parties.

Relief efforts included the purchase of 1,000 pieces of cloth to be used as wrap-around skirts for the women. The missionaries also distributed 200 kilos of powdered milk which was received through the Swiss Phil-African Mission.

"We need thousands, even hundreds of thousands, of vitamins to give the children to supplement their daily diet," Mrs. Pike says. "Almost without exception the children are suffering from malnutrition."

FMB Appoints 14

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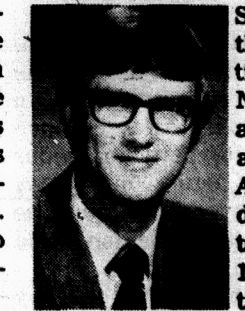
uated, escaped before the fall of Saigon to the Viet Cong.

The U. S. Embassy had agreed to evacuate the persons on a list provided by Missionaries H. Earl Bengs Jr. and Gene Tunnell, who returned to Saigon several days before the fall to arrange the evacuation. Apparently, the situation collapsed before the embassy could fulfill its promise.

Parts did report the successful evacuation of a group of 22 children and 18 adults from the Baptist-related Camrahn City Christian Orphanage. The group was scheduled to arrive in New York on May 15 and be sent to Ft. Chaffee, Ark., for processing.

Single Adults To Meet May 30

Harold Bergen, family ministry consultant in the church administration department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, will be a resource person at the Single Adult Retreat Friday night, May 30 to Sunday, June 1, scheduled at the University of



Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus, Long Beach. Reservations are accepted from singles, 18 years of age and above, until May 27.

Bergen, a native of Nebraska, received bachelor and master of arts degrees from Bob Jones University in South Carolina, the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary, and the master of education degree from Middle Tennessee State University. He has had special training in family life education at the American Institute of Family Relation in Los Angeles. He wrote "Living in Relationship" and was an author for "Family Ministry in Today's Church."

Others on the faculty are Joe Haynes, consultant in the young adult department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville; Judie Lide, associate to the director of Friendship House, New Orleans; and Rev. Bryant Cummings, Rev. Clarence Cutrell, Joy Thomas, Jackie Payne, and Dr. and Mrs. Clark Hensley, all of Jackson.

The retreat is jointly sponsored by the Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Bryant M. Cummings, director, and the Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention, J. Clark Hensley, executive director.

A registration fee of \$5 should be sent to the Christian Action Commission, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205, prior to May 27. The total cost of the retreat, including the registration fee, for two nights and four meals will be \$25. The retreat program will begin at 9 p.m. Friday and close at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

1st, Biloxi To Observe 100th Anniversary



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(Continued from page 1) will be televised in color over WLOX.

All music for the day will be under the direction of Leon Bedsole, minister of music.

Dinner on the ground will be served at the church between the later morning service and the 2 p.m. service. All evening activities will be dismissed.

CP Anniversary —

(Continued from page 1) clamor for a name change, should probably be known as the Cooperative Program Convention.

"I believe the Lord revealed the Cooperative Program to us in this city as a way in which every church can share in the worldwide service of our Lord, beginning at home," he said.

Miss Alma Hunt, retired executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), lauded framers of the Cooperative Program for "making Southern Baptists a family."

Paul Stevens of Fort Worth, president of the SBC Radio and Television Commission, recalled the Cooperative Program caused him, as a pastor at Ada, Okla., to lead his church to give 50 per cent of its gifts to missions.

The SBC Stewardship Commission, which sponsored the breakfast, gave each person a coffee mug inscribed in gold with the Cooperative Program emblem as a memento of the birthday celebration.

Youth Choir Camp Cancelled

The Youth Choir Camp scheduled for May 28-31, at William Carey College, co-sponsored by the Church Music Department of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and School of Music at William Carey College, has been cancelled.

A special feature of this event is the production of an album to celebrate the occasion. The album contains the voices of all living pastors of the church. It also features all of the choirs as the theme, "A Century of Blessings," is presented.

According to history there was Baptist preaching in the oldest city in the state as far back as 1845. A church was constituted the same year and later built a house of worship in 1855. However, during the Civil War the people were scattered and to all human appearances the church became extinct. It was on May 24, 1875, that First Church, Biloxi, was reorganized.

The present pastor, Rev. Frank W. Gunn, states that everyone is anticipating a great day on May 25. Committees have been working for many months so all appears to be ready for the launching of a "Second Century of Blessings."

(Photos of G. C. Hodge and Schuyler Batson were not available.)

Mississippians Are Appointed

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Currently students at Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., the Bosticks live in Kansas City and are members of First Baptist Church, North Kansas City.

Born in Memphis, Tenn., Bostick lived there and Benoit, Miss., while growing up. He received the bachelor of industrial engineering degree from Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, and served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He worked as a buyer and tool engineer for Westinghouse Electric, Raleigh, N. C., before becoming vice-president of Bostick Brothers, Inc., Benoit.

Mrs. Bostick, the former Rita Poe, was born and grew up in Atlanta. She received the bachelor of science degree from Delta State College, Cleveland, Miss., and attended Georgia State College of Business Administration, Atlanta. She worked as a typist in New York while her husband was in the service there and more recently was a teacher for the Shaw (Miss.) Education Foundation.

The Bosticks have two grown daughters, Terri Eileen and Leigh Nan.



Man And Boy Rally

Participants in the final Man and Boy Rally for Mississippi are shown as they check signals for the program at Temple Church, Hattiesburg. Left to right are Dr. Joel Ray, Lebanon Association director of missions; Rev. Kermit McGregor, pastor; Rev. Mel Craft, pastor of Tybertown Church and inspirational speaker at the meeting; Dr. Paul Brown, faculty member at Clarke College who delivered a chapel talk; and Paul Harrell, associate in the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Hospital Construction Said To Be "On Home Stretch"

Construction on the new Mississippi Baptist Hospital — the state's largest non-tax-supported hospital — is now "in the home stretch," according to administrator Paul J. Pryor.

He said installation of equipment is under way, and he indicated that the official opening date for the new hospital probably will be set for late October or early November.

"Installation of equipment will take many weeks," said Pryor, "because of the intricate and complex nature of so much of it, with the work being done by skilled people in the various specialties."

Meanwhile, work on the outside continues to progress through be-

nevolent Spring and Summer weather, including development of the off-street parking facilities near the hospital.

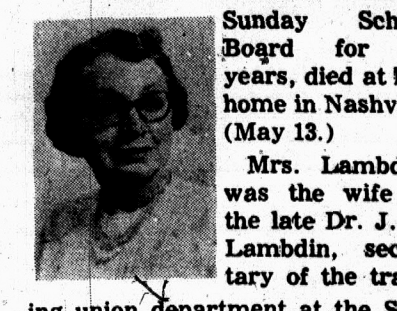
"The parking area just south of the hospital, at the front entrance, is virtually complete," said Pryor, "and the parking area just north of the hospital is developing rapidly."

Pryor said all parking areas will be landscaped, with preservation of healthy trees given a high priority. He said the off-street parking areas will accommodate approximately 1,200 vehicles.

"We will have a lot of greenery right around the buildings," he said, "including live oaks, magnolias, and a wide variety of miniature trees and shrubs."

Mrs. J. E. Lambdin Dies In Nashville

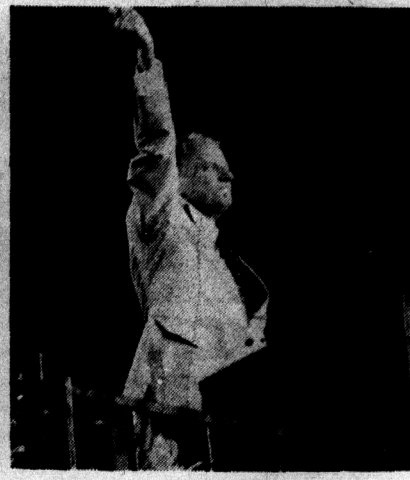
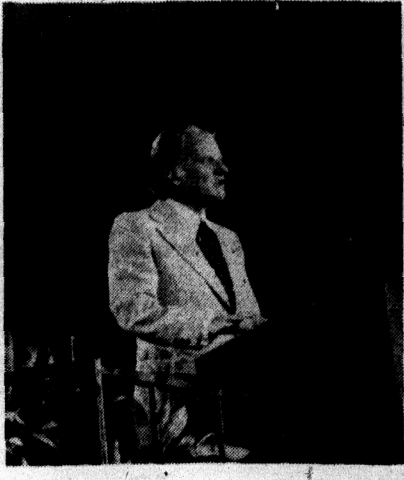
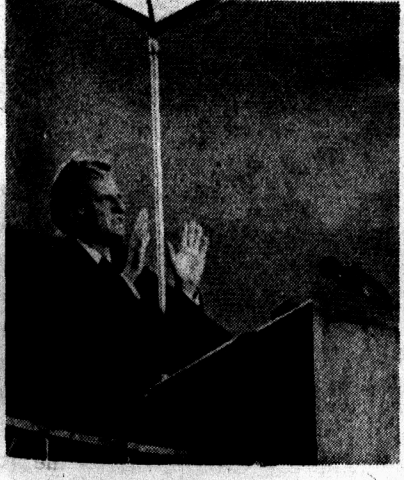
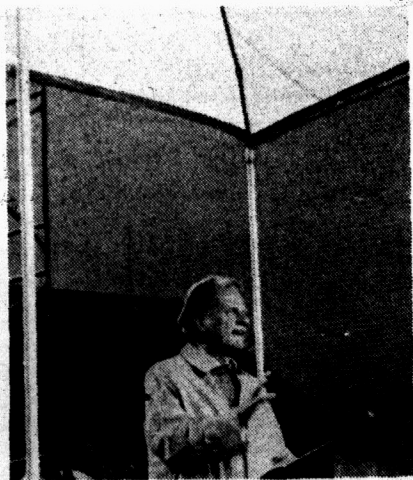
NASHVILLE — Mrs. Ina Smith Lambdin, editor of Junior and intermediate training union lesson materials at the Southern Baptist



Sunday School Board for 20 years, died at her home in Nashville (May 13.)

Mrs. Lambdin was the wife of the late Dr. J. E. Lambdin, secretary of the training union department at the Sunday School Board for 30 years. He died in January, 1960.

Before coming to the Sunday School Board, she was training union director for First Baptist Church, Nashville, for two years. Prior to that she was Junior-Intermediate Leader in the Training Union Department of the Alabama State Baptist Convention for five years.



Views Of The Mississippi Billy Graham Crusade

Photos By Don McGregor



Hundreds walked down the aisles each evening to stand before Graham, in response to the invitation to make a decision for Christ (On rainy nights, a tent over the pulpit gave the evangelist some protection from the weather.)



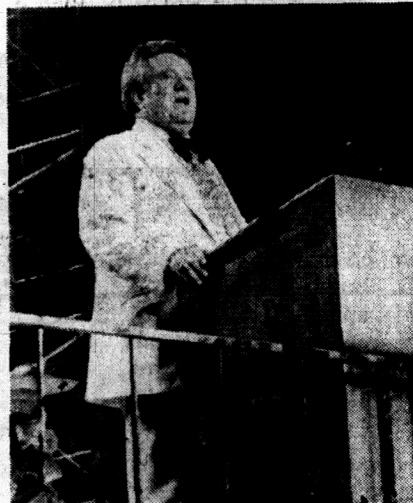
Specially trained counselors spent time with those who responded to the invitation.



Billy Graham, right, was the subject of a press conference including representatives of radio and television stations and Jackson newspapers shortly before the beginning of the crusade in Jackson. At left is James Carr, Jackson, chairman of the committee for the Mississippi crusade.



Dr. David Grant, pastor, Broadmoor, Jackson, made the offering announcement on several evenings. Dr. Grant was vice-chairman of the Crusade's Executive committee.



Jerry Clower, Yazoo City humorist, gave his testimony.



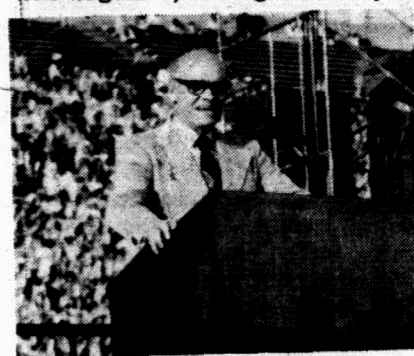
Myrtle Hall Maloney was guest singer, as she has been in many previous Crusades.



Dr. Graham visited the office of the Baptist Record and stopped a moment to talk with the editor, Dr. Joe Odle, left, and Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dr. Odle, secretary of the Crusade's Executive Committee, led the opening prayer at the Crusade on Wednesday evening.



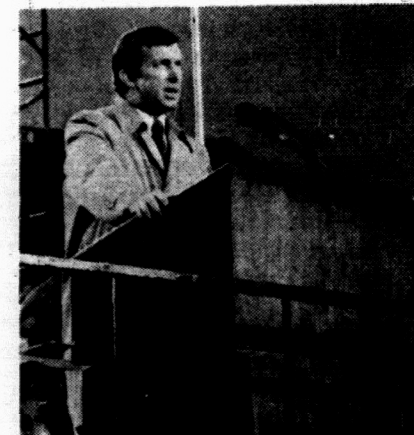
Cliff Barrows, left, was Crusade music director; John Innes, center, was organist; George Beverly Shea was soloist.



Charlie Riggs was Crusade director.



Cliff Barrows led the singing.



Bob Tyler, coach at Mississippi State University was a guest speaker on Athlete's Night.



June Carter Cash and Johnny Cash were musical guests on Monday evening. He sang "That Ragged Old Flag," which he wrote.



On the platform Monday night were, left to right: Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor, First, Grenada; Dr. Jaroy Weber, president of the SBC; June Carter Cash and Johnny Cash, television and recording stars; and Dr. Billy Graham. (Over 200 were present from Dr. Taylor's church in Grenada.)



The Co-Laborers Corps tabulated figures such as number of decisions and amount of offering, and mailed reports to the pastors and the press. They worked far into the night almost every night.



Behind the piano Wednesday night were June Hunt, Governor Bill Waller, Jerry Clower, and Billy Graham.



The Jones Sisters sang. They are daughters of Howard Jones, assistant evangelist on the Graham Team. One is wife of Norman Sanders, who was associate director of the Jackson Crusade.



Jane and Bob Henley sang, accompanied by Tedd Smith, Crusade pianist.



Billy Graham congratulated members of the Crusade's Executive Committee. The Committee was at

work months in advance, making preparations for the eight-day meeting,



Norma Zimmer, star of the Lawrence Welk musical group, was special guest Friday night.



Andrae Crouch, noted composer, soloist and musician, was special musical guest Friday night.

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EDITORIAL

"Heaven Came Down, And Glory..."

There is a much loved song that has the refrain, "Heaven came down, and glory filled my soul." Those words must express the feeling of tens of thousands of Mississippians as they look back on the Mississippi Billy Graham Crusade, which came to a close Sunday night, when 52,000 people crowded the stadium, and more than 1400 persons pressed forward in decisions for Christ.

It had been a glorious week. Jackson, and Mississippi, will never be quite the same.

That does not mean that all of our problems have been solved, or that sin's power has been broken, for those things have not happened. Neither does it mean that the state has had all of the revival that its churches and people need. There is much, much more to do, and the churches and Christians must continue faithfully at their tasks, but we think that this crusade will spur them on to greater, more dedicated efforts for Christ.

A Billy Graham crusade does something to an area. The first such crusade, held in Jackson 23 years ago, left a long lasting effect on the state, and this one will last even longer. Far more people have been touched, and the impact has been greater.

God is using Billy Graham and his team, as few men ever have been used. They have so placed themselves in the hands of the Holy Spirit, and have so many people around the world praying for them, that He is blessing them with His power, and is doing mighty things through them.

It happened here! Who can ever forget these holy days?

Who can ever, as long as he lives, forget the great crowds, averaging nearly 35,000, who came to the stadium each night, or the 52,000 who filled it to overflowing on the last night?

Who can forget the great choir of 4,000 voices, singing, along with Bev Shea, the glorious words of "How Great Thou Art", or the stirring movements of "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"?

Who can ever erase from his mind the emotions which came over him as he watched hundreds of inquirers streaming from the stands each night?

Who can forget the acres of automobiles, the hundreds of church buses, and the lines of people moving toward the stands?

Who does not continue to rejoice as he thinks of the great offerings which were taken, and of the generosity of the people which so quickly met the budget, and then went far beyond it to share the gospel of Christ with people everywhere, and to feed hungry people in the name of Christ?

Who can fail long to remember the stirring words of faith from great singers like Johnny Cash and

Norma Zimmer; or June Hunt standing under her umbrella singing in the rain; or Andre Crouch testifying and singing of God's miracles in his life?

Certainly we shall never forget the broad smile and warm words of program director and song leader Cliff Barrows, Ted Smith and John Innes at the instruments, and the stirring songs of Bev Shea, Myrtle Hall Maloney and others.

And who could ever get away from the heart searching, Bible based, Christ centered preaching of Billy Graham, or forget his invitations as he called people to commitment to Christ?

All of these things made the crusade an unforgettable experience.

Yet, there is much more. Remember the months of preparation in the prayer rallies and home prayer meetings; the counsellor training classes; the youth meetings, men's meetings, and other activities.

For many there was fellowship in the preparation period, and during the meeting itself, with the advance team, the locally enlisted staff, the steering committee, and the many volunteers who worked long and hard to make the crusade possible.

Blessings, too, came from fellowship with Christian workers from so many denominations, some of whom we had not known before, but whom we came to know and love through this fellowship of prayer and work and witness.

All of these things added up to glorious spiritual experiences taking place in our state, and they came to a climax in the eight great days which came to a close on Sunday night.

Christ has visited Mississippi in a special way, and for long years to come, many will look back to the days in 1975 when they met their Lord in an unusual manner in Mississippi Memorial Stadium, or in preparation for that crusade.

There were many personal experiences which this writer never can forget. As long as I live I think I shall remember,

—the thousands of people sitting under umbrellas as the rain poured down, listening intently as Dr. Graham preached the Word of God;

—watching a Jackson business executive and a judge of the Mississippi Supreme Court, sitting in the rain, waiting for the time of invitation, when they would move out on to the field to assist in the counseling;

—seeing the wife of the pastor of one of Jackson's largest Baptist churches, counseling with a black woman prisoner from Parchman, and leading her to faith in Christ;

—hearing a business man, who travels many states, testifying before a large group that he no longer would need his "Playboy Club Gold Card", since he and his wife had gone forward and found Christ

in one of the services at the stadium.

These are just a few of the experiences which will keep the revival alive in my heart for a long time to come. It was a great week and I can sing along with multitudes of others, "Heaven came down, and glory filled my soul."

The special services are over, but the revival is not. It should live on and on. Speaking to workers at the Baptist Building on Friday morning, Dr. Graham said that the time of harvest has just begun.

The Billy Graham organization will do its part. Offices in Jackson will stay open for several more weeks. Some of the team members who have been here for the preparation period will remain for a short while longer to set up the follow-up program. These workers and the organization in Minneapolis will do many things. They will remain in contact with the more than 7,000 persons who have made some type of commitment during the crusade. They will seek to lead them into Bible study, prayer, Christian nurture classes, Christian witness, and into active church life.

The greatest responsibility, however, now will be on the churches. Names of all of those who made any commitment have been forwarded to churches of their choice. Those without a church choice have been assigned to an evangelical church near where they live. Follow up now must begin from the churches, and pastors. About 2500 persons have professed faith in Christ. Around 5000 others have come in rededication and for assurance. They all have had a spiritual experience, which has opened the way for the churches to reach them, to enlist them, to lead them and use them. The lasting effect of the crusade will be determined by how faithfully churches and pastors seize the opportunity which now is theirs.

Thousands of people have been stirred to commitments for Christ. Other thousands were given spiritual uplift simply by participation in the services. The spiritual atmosphere of the state has been raised to a higher level. Churches and pastors, whose hearts the Lord has touched, should lead on now to new levels of achievement such as our state never before has known. Our Baptist churches have been deeply involved in this crusade, and we expect to see them reap rich harvest now.

God has blessed Mississippi!

Never have we seen so many people talking about spiritual things, and about the revival which has come.

Heaven has come down and filled our souls with glory.

How we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us now and in the days ahead will determine how those glorious experiences will live on.

pp.) There are an estimated 7,487 promises given in the Bible. In the new book, *God's Great Promises*, Mr. Richard taps the storehouse of promises to present 52 encouraging messages of peace, mercy, guidance and victory — one for each week of the year.

THE LIVING MARRIAGE by H. Norman Wright (Fleming H. Revell, 128 pp., \$5.95). This beautiful volume is a collection of expressive passages from The Living Bible coupled with related thoughts from contemporary literature dealing with love, understanding, communications, sex, forgiveness, and prayer. Full-page illustrations are scenes from nature.

THERE'S A SNAKE IN MY GARDEN by Jill Briscoe (Zondervan, 143 pp., \$4.95). This is the warm, honest, and delightful autobiography of the wife of a pastor and evangelist. Mrs. Briscoe was born in England, moved with her husband and children to a church in Milwaukee in 1970, and travels quite a big speaking to young people and women's conventions.

JUST OFF CHICKEN STREET by Floyd McClung, Jr. with Charles Paul Conn and foreword by Corrie Ten Boom (Fleming H. Revell, 123 pp., \$1.95). This is the remarkable true story of a young missionary's highly effective Christian outreach to the lost and lonely American kids along the "Hippie Trail" that stretched from Amsterdam to New Delhi.

THE REAL FAITH by Charles S. Price (Logos International, 125 pages, paper, \$1.50). The book is described as a guide to healing, a book about a divine revelation.



PRELUDE TO A FALL

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Another View On Use Of Firearms

Dear Dr. Odle:

I was very saddened to see the remarks of Rep. Charles B. Rangel from the Congressional Record reprinted in the Baptist Record. And I must assume that this is also the stand of the Convention Board.

I am Southern Baptist too and love God and try to serve Him.

Mr. Rangel's comments would give many people the wrong perspective on firearms. He forgets that it was with rifles like the "Bicentennial Commemorative" that our forefathers freed this country and made it possible for Mr. Rangel to serve the government. Yes, it's sad that it took force to obtain our independence. It's also sad that it took force (and guns) to hold our nation together in the Civil War to stop oppression in World War I, and to stop a mad man like Hitler in World War II. Very sad, but very necessary. Many Christian men died thinking so. Unfortunately, it will be necessary again, as our Lord told us in Matthew 24:6-7.

This is not even to mention that firearms helped our founding fathers to feed and protect their families.

Mr. Rangel mentions many accidental deaths. But the truth is that most of these were caused by negligence. Yes, negligence of parents who did not keep their guns locked away and separate from the ammunition. Nor did they take advantage of trigger locks that are available. And most did not take the time to educate their children on the safe handling of firearms. Yes, accidents are regrettable, but they are preventable. Christians need to take the time to be safe.

Mr. Rangel also mentions murders that were committed with firearms. But any thinking Christian knows that a gun never murdered anyone. It's the sinful nature in a man's heart that murders. Abel was murdered without a gun. And before there were firearms men used swords, spears, and axes to fight their wars and to murder. There will always be murder as long as there is sin.

Criminal misuse of firearms is a popular bandwagon now. Some government officials would like to outlaw the sale or possession of guns. But even the simple-minded can see that criminals don't obey the laws so they will be the ones that will be sure to have one.

Anti-gun enthusiasts like to show pictures and tell stories of people and children that died accidentally or were murdered. But they're not so quick to tell about citizens that had to use firearms to protect themselves, their families, and property. They don't tell of criminals and maniacs that had to be stopped from murder, rape, and robbery.

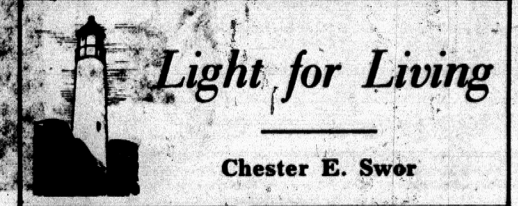
Who knows how many criminal acts have been deterred because the criminal knew that the head of the house had a gun and would use it if forced to protect himself and his family?

Yes, it's tragic that these steps are necessary. It's a result of the sinful situation that exists in this world, and will exist until Christ comes to reign.

I doubt that this letter will be published because of its content and length. But I urge the convention board to review its stand on this issue. We must realize that it was the courage of men using firearms, not out of malice but out of defense, that freed us, and keeps us free of tyranny and criminal oppression.

Randy Floyd,
Grenada, Miss.

(Mr. Floyd's assumption is wrong. Neither the Convention Board nor the editor have endorsed Senator Rangel's position. "Moral Scene" is a column which presents what people are saying and doing on moral issues. How would our people know about what is being said or done if it is not printed?—Editor)



Sour Saint, Perhaps?

Some readers may recall the excellent book on parables by the late Dr. Clovis Chapell, distinguished Methodist minister, who once was pastor of Jackson's Galloway Memorial Methodist church. One of the chapters dealt with the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The next chapter was titled "Parable Of The Sour Saint," and dealt with the self-righteous, unrelenting, unforgiving, and utterly selfish attitude of the prodigal's older brother, who not only did not rejoice in his brother's return, but who berated his father for making a feast in honor of the errant son.

Actually, the older brother was a prodigal, too; for, though he had stayed at home and worked, he had wandered as far away from his father in love, patience, kindness, and forgiveness as his younger brother had wandered in his way. He had not indulged himself in sins of the flesh, but was, most surely, guilty of sins of the spirit. He was legally righteous, but distressingly lacking in the spirit of love, sympathy, and forgiveness. He, too, needed to come back in a spirit of repentance — not for the same wrongs which his younger brother had committed, but from the soul-withering wrongs involved in sins of the spirit.

One of the most-needful realizations for the Christian is that sins of the spirit are dreadfully wrong in God's sight. While the "good Christian" may recoil in horror at the news of a physical murder, he should remember, too, that "murdering" the reputations of other people through gossip is horrible in God's sight. Self-righteousness, the holier-than-thou attitude, the hypocritical spirit, the mind which thinks below the level of honesty-morality-Christian love, the defrauding of friends and acquaintances in not telling the unsaved ones about Jesus, the act of robbing God in not giving back to him the amount of time, talent, materials which good stewardship implies, the unrelenting and unforgiving spirit, and the heart which hates — all of these are wrong too. Though the Christian be absolutely free of indulgence in liquor, immorality, gambling, theft, or murder — just to mention a few sins of the flesh — he can still be a prodigal who needs to come home to his Heavenly Father in repentance and renewal if he or she, like the older brother of the Prodigal Son, is a "sour saint."

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NEWEST BOOKS

YOU COUNT! (Baptist World Alliance, paper, \$3.50 pp.) Souvenir Book of the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference, this is a pictorial profile of the Portland Youth Conference, beautifully illustrated. May be obtained from Youth Department, Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20009.

THE HUMAN TOUCH written by Elaine Selcraig Furlow and photographed by Don Rutledge (Home Mission Board, 190 pp., \$5.95) Seven missionaries are portrayed in this book-as real people in a real world. From the Rio Grande to Honolulu, with the human touch, they are learning to reach people. Both story and photographs are excellent.

SWORD SCRAPBOOK NO. 2 compiled by Viola Walden with editorial assistance from John R. Rice (Sword of the Lord, \$5.95, 233 pp.) Wit, humor, quotations, sayings, poems, attention-getters, sentence sermons — 1,344 delightful scraps assembled from Dr. Walden's weekly column in THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

BLESS THIS FOOD, THE ANITA BRYANT FAMILY COOKBOOK by Anita Bryant (Doubleday, 320 pp., \$7.95) Anita Bryant, well-loved entertainer, has compiled a personal book about the joy and satisfaction of preparing and sharing a meal with one's family. Since she believes many Christian growth experiences center around food and mealtime, it was natural for her story to take the form of a cookbook. There is a good variety of recipes, as well as the devotional thoughts that go with them.

HE IS NOT GONE by Bernard Brunsting (Zondervan, paper, \$1.50, 129 pp.) This book is the deeply personal

journal of a father's feelings as he prepared for his three-year-old son's inevitable death from leukemia. As Dale Evans Rogers says in the introduction, the book "leaves no doubt of Christian triumph over suffering."

IT'S GOOD TO KNOW by Randy Bullock with Dave Balsiger (Mott Media, paper, 233, \$2.95) This is the story of Randy Bullock, star in two World Wide Pictures' films — "Time to Run" and "Isn't It Good to Know." It is the gripping story of a young man who knew life at its ugliest, but who found an answer to his establishment and anti-establishment hang-ups when he made a decision for Christ.

52 SIMPLE INVITATION ILLUSTRATIONS by Billy Apostolon (Baker, paper, 122 pp., \$1.95) These pulpit-tested and heart-warming illustrations are intended primarily for use just before the singing of the invitation hymn.

GOD'S CITY IN THE JUNGLE by Sanna Barlow Rossi (Tyndale, paper, \$2.95, 156 pp.) Deep in the Peruvian jungle the Christian gospel penetrated a primitive tribe, the Licuna Indians, with startling results. So changed their culture, living standards, and government, that the place is now called "God's City in the Jungle."

THE PEOPLE YOU LIVE WITH by O. Quentin Hyder (Fleming H. Revell, \$4.95, 192 pp.) A Christian psychiatrist blends elements of common sense, sound psychological theory, and a profound faith in Christ as Saviour as he confronts issues that threaten the stability and harmony of modern family life.

GOD'S GREAT PROMISES by W. T. H. Richards (Abingdon, \$2.45, paper, 127

Biblical Sites Provide Interesting Tour



The wandering Mississippian pauses at the Greater International Mount Sinai Airport.



Missionaries Norman Lytle, left, and Robert Lindsey, right, stand by Melvyn Mizzelle, assistant editor in Florida.

By Don McGregor

The Sea of Galilee has a special significance. There may be some discussion as to which is the real site of the crucifixion and the tomb, the site of the nativity and the upper room; but there is no question that the Sea of Galilee is where the Master walked on the water, calmed the waves, and discussed the building of the church with Peter.

With snow-capped Mount Hermon rising in the background, the Sea of Galilee is a beautiful, peaceful gem in an interesting and inspiring land.

And while the visitor may realize that many of the biblical sites may be approximations as to location, there is no question that a great many of the events and situations mentioned from Genesis to Revelation took place between the Sea of Galilee and Mount Sinai, an area traveled by seven U. S. journalists at the invitation of the Israeli government and El Al Israel Airlines.

A modern tour of Israel includes both biblical sites and views of the present-day symbols of the struggle of the Jewish nation for political independence.

Jerusalem itself is a treasure of interest. One visit is not enough to let its historical significance soak in. Many thousands of tourists have visited the city, but it is hard for those who have not done so to visualize the narrow, winding, streets; the ancient architecture; the inspiration of being in the area of such religious history; and the beauty of such structures as the Mosque of Omar. Also known as The Dome of the Rock, this building is said to be

the most beautiful of all Arabian designs. It is located near the site of the temple on Mount Moriah and is supposedly built over the spot where Abraham was ready to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. It is also where Moslems believe Mohammed ascended to Heaven.

The Western Wall of the temple area, that sacred area to the Jews also known as the "Wailing Wall," is a place of high interest. Nearby, archaeological researchers are digging into the remnants of formal eras.

The east wall of the old city is behind the mosque and was built, in its present state, mostly by crusaders. Digging in some places, however, has unearthed portions put into place under the reign of Herod. Portions of a wall constructed by David are nearby. Beyond the wall is the Valley of Kidron, and beyond that the Mount of Olives. No wonder this was a favored spot for our Lord. It provides an almost breath-taking view of the entire city. The Garden of Gethsemane is on the western slope of the mount nearest the city.

A visitor could easily spend days trying to absorb the sights, sounds, and feelings of the city. But this group had other places to go. We were in Jerusalem to attend a Jewish Passover feast, observe the procession of Christians along the Via Dolorosa on Friday, and attend the Sunday services at the open tomb. Then we flew deep into the Sinai desert to the Greek Orthodox Monastery of St. Catherine. The monastery, on the slope of Mt. Sinai itself, was built in the Fourth Century and shows its age. It is a site of a

great deal of interest and the location of a highly significant library of writings.

The desert has a beauty all its own and fits into the V formed by the two arms of the Red Sea, the Gulf of Suez and the Gulf of Eilat. The starkness of the desert is contrasted with the blue beauty of the sea, and the visitor wonders what the future holds as he looks across at the equally stark shores of Saudi Arabia and Jordan. Indeed, Aqaba, Jordan, and Eilat, Israel, are almost within shouting distance of each other. Aqaba is a small, dusty looking village. Eilat is a bustling area of sparkling hotels and crowded beaches.

Glass-bottom boats float tourists across beautiful formations of coral in the shallow Gulf of Eilat.

Eilat introduced our group to the new Israel. Rooms in the Dan Carmel Hotel in Haifa opened on to balconies overlooking the Mediterranean Sea and provided a view of almost indescribable beauty.

A brief visit to busy Nazareth and historic Capernaum interrupted views of the modern sites such as Kibbutz Lavi in Galilee. The simple life of the kibbutz is appealing to one whose nerves are jangled by the fast-paced life of the American city.

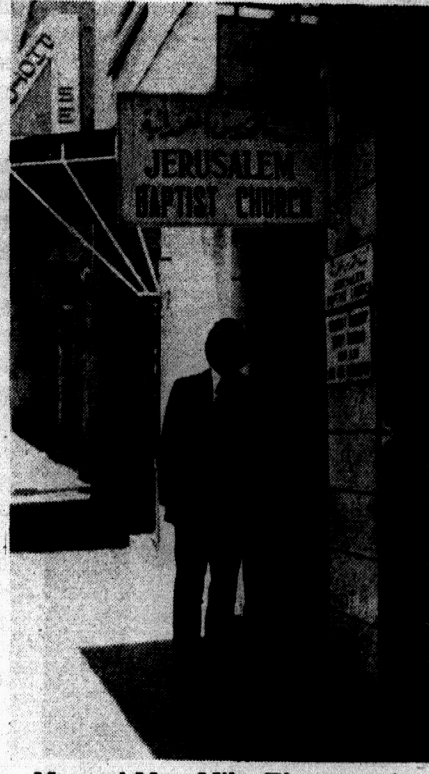
Back to areas of plush hotels, we spent our last night in Israel in the Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv. This is a city modern in every way but still with a unique charm. Its wide streets and its sidewalk cafes attract strollers late into the evening.

But along the short distance from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem are the burned-out hulks of trucks that didn't make it as the Israelis were trying to move provisions from the coastal city to their cut-off capital during their war of independence in 1948.

The Jews don't want to forget their past struggles and traumas. The vehicles remain as memorials, as are their chambers recalling Hitler's holocaust; and their Passover Week recalls their journey to freedom out of Egypt.

Israel is a charming nation of joy and tears. The Israelis seem to live life to its fullest when they can, but they feel their sorrows deeply. They are always alert for the unexpected.

No doubt, the Ministry of Tourism intended to impress its seven U.S. guests. It did.



Mr. and Mrs. Mike Elmore, missionary journeymen from Missouri, stand in front of the East Jerusalem Baptist Church.

Woman's Missionary Union

Miami Beach Convention Center

June 8-9, 1975

Theme: One World, One Witness

Sunday Evening Joint Session with Pastors Conference (North Hall), 7:00 p.m.

"One World, One Witness" - Samford University A Cappella Choir, L. Gene Black, Birmingham, Ala., director
Welcome - Mrs. R. L. Mathis, WMU president, Waco, Texas; and James L. Pleitz, Pastors Conference president, Pensacola, Fla.
Solo - Aemiko Iinuma, New York.
Foreign Missionary Commissioning Service
Meditation Music

Claude H. Rhea Jr. and Betty Sue Shepherd (associate professor of music, Samford), Birmingham, Ala.

Monday Morning Session (South Hall), 9:30 a.m.

"One World, One Witness," - Samford University A Cappella Choir
"One World, One Woman's Witness," Kitty Blissett, US-2 missionary, Waterbury, Connecticut

Business
Report of the Executive Secretary, Carolyn Weatherford

Election of Officers
Special Music, Aemiko Iinuma

Missionary Message, Dr. and Mrs. August Lovgren, Jordan

Monday Afternoon Session 2:00 p.m.

"One World, One Witness, Samford University A Cappella Choir

"One World, One Woman's Witness," Mrs. Everett Deffine, Baptist

Young Women director, Arizona WMU, Mesa, Arizona

"My World, My Witness," (Presentation of Christian Social Ministries, Home Mission Board)

Paul Adkins, director, Christian Social Ministries Department, Home Mission Board

Theme Interpretation:

"My World Was," Ralph Fuels, director, Vocational Services, Buckner Baptist Benevolences, Dallas, Texas (on tape)

"My World Is,"

Ernest Ed Onley, Jr., director, Christian Social Ministries, Capital Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Mildred Blankenship, assistant director, Department of Christian Social Ministries, Home Mission Board and

Mrs. M. V. Leininger, Jr., literacy resource person, Orlando, Florida

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Palmer, US-2 missionaries, Phoenix, Arizona

Clovis A. Brantley, associate director, Department of Christian Social Ministries, Home Mission Board with

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Whitlow and Jeffery Paul, adoptive parents and child

"My World Will Be," Mary Edwards Renaker, Poet, Louisville, Kentucky, and John Claypool, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas

Monday Evening Session, 7:00 p.m.

"One World, One Witness," Samford University A Cappella Choir

"One World, One Woman's Witness," Diana Moore, chaplain, Hanover School For Boys, Richmond, Virginia

Cooperative Program Jubilee Featuring Dramatic Monologues, R. Quinn Pugh, pastor Calvary Baptist Church, Bel Air, Maryland and Sheryl Churchill, Acteens director, Texas WMU, Dallas

Chorus, Samford University A Cappella Choir

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Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board

George Sadler, former area secretary, Africa, Europe, Near East, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director-treasurer, Home Mission Board

Mrs. Genus Crenshaw, missionary, and Seminole Indians, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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A. D. Dawson, executive director, Gulf Stream Baptist Association, Fla.

Kwong Wah Lau, Chinese pastor, Miami, Florida

Slavic and Haitian members, Central Baptist Church, Miami, Florida

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New Staffer, 11 Mission Workers Named By HMB

ATLANTA (BP) — A new staff member, four missionaries and seven missionary associates were appointed at the Home Mission Board's directors meeting here. The missionaries and associates will serve in five states in language missions, Christian social ministries, cooperative ministries with National Baptists, and in directing associational missions.

James N. Lewis Jr., was named assistant director of the department of language missions, effective June 13.

A native of Porterdale, Ga., Lewis has been a missionary associate of the Home Mission Board since 1973, directing work with

internationals for the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

The board's executive director, Arthur B. Rutledge, reported receipts of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions and the national Cooperative Program unified budget both were showing significant increases.

The Annie Armstrong Offering total through May 8 was \$2,347,000 — up 30 percent from the corresponding date in 1974, and Cooperative Program receipts through the first seven months of the fiscal year are up 7.52 percent, Rutledge said.

Missionaries Minister To Vietnamese On Guam

GUAM (BP) — Ministry to Vietnamese people isn't over for Southern Baptist missionaries who recently evacuated Vietnam.

If anything, ministry has intensified for several missionaries working among tens of thousands of Vietnamese refugees here, according to R. Keith Parks, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Southeast Asia who just returned from a visit to the area.

These missionaries, working in what has been dubbed "tent city," are helping register and process refugees; providing religious activities, Christian literature and personal counseling; aiding medical needs; serving as interpreters in the Vietnamese language; and assisting U. S. military efforts in various other ways.

Gene V. Tunnel is coordinating the overall Baptist ministry in tent city while H. Earl Bengs Jr. is coordinating evangelist efforts.

William Dotson, U. S. Navy chief of staff in Guam and a Baptist layman, requested the assistance of the Vietnamese-speaking Baptist missionaries and has been "more than cooperative," according to Parks. He provided them with passes to all military operations, the use of two tents for religious activities (shared by all religious groups) and a tent for their personal use.

The tent being used as their headquarters is located near the main entrance where refugees are registered as they arrive. As each refugee bus arrives, Baptists board it, seeking bi-lingual per-

sons who might assist as interpreters. This also allows teen to watch for Vietnamese Baptists.

Christian literature in Vietnamese, previously used by Baptists in Vietnam, has been reproduced in Guam for distribution among the refugees. A Christian film, also previously produced for Baptist work in Vietnam, is now being shown in the Guam refugee camp.

The Baptist missionaries are holding Christian services in the religious activities tents as well as in other areas of tent city.

Missionaries Robert C. Davis Jr., Herman P. Hayes, Samuel F. Longbottom Jr., and Peyton M. Moore are assisting in the camp's

hospital tent, serving as interpreters and ministering to the sick and injured.

Missionary Samuel M. James is assigned to a major military hospital off base, where the more severely ill or injured patients are being taken, as an interpreter and counselor.

Assisting as interpreters at Red Cross headquarters are missionaries Kenneth L. Goad and James H. Lassiter. They answer Vietnamese-speaking phone calls at the switchboard, assist refugees who are trying to locate friends and relatives, and aid the Red Cross personnel in whatever other ways they can.

Speaking of the future ministry

to the refugees with whom the missionaries are working, Tunnel said, "These people come from a hot country. Many are simple farmers and all have experienced great emotional trauma which will be compounded by culture shock. I believe a ministry of compassion to Vietnamese refugees... at a time when they are literally and totally helpless and dependent, has the potential of seeing more Vietnamese come to know the Lord... than we have seen won in Vietnam."

Continuing, he posed a question, "Is Baptist ministry to the Vietnamese really over?"



FOUR BAPTISTS DISCUSS NEEDS IN GUAM'S TENT CITY—U.S. Navy Chief of Staff William Dotson (center), a Baptist layman in Guam, opened doors for Southern missionaries to aid Vietnamese refugees there. Gene V. Tunnel (left), evacuated missionary to Vietnam, and Parkes Marler (right),

missionary to Guam along with Dotson and R. Keith Parks, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Southeast Asia, stroll through the mess tents of Guam's tent city, evaluating immediate needs of the war victims. (BP) photo by Bob Harper.

Gift From Mississippians

Memorial Fund Honors Founder Of Seminary

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
Three Mississippians have established a memorial fund in honor of Dr. Asa Carroll Watkins, pioneer missionary to Mexico who founded the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary in Torreon in 1901. (Among Dr. Watkins' eighteen grandchildren today are a Mississippi Baptist pastor, two wives of ministers, and Mississippi's first lady.)

Anita Watkins Clinton, Ruth Watkins Street, and Asa C. Watkins, in tribute to their father, have delivered to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation a sum of money to create a perpetual memorial fund known as the Dr. Asa Carroll Watkins Memorial Trust Fund.

The earned income from the trust is to be sent at least annually to the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, designated for a scholarship or scholarships for a needy ministerial student or students in the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary, now in Mexico City. Any person may make a gift through the trust to go directly to the Foreign Mission Board designated for the seminary to be used as the donor wishes.

A short time ago the Baptist Record printed a story about the Mexican seminary's move from Torreon to Mexico City. On the new \$550,000 campus in a large and growing metropolis students have many more opportunities for evangelism and missions. Also, in the large city, they find more opportunities for employment — and it is a rule of the school that students support themselves.

The seminary which Dr. Watkins began in Torreon in 1901 was closed in 1913 by the revolution in Mexico, and reopened in Saltillo in 1917. Land was bought there and buildings erected. The Saltillo buildings were lost when the property of all religious bodies was nationalized (became the property of the government) in 1926. After an attempt to operate in Monterrey, there was a brief shift back to Saltillo, but the school closed there in 1935. Classes were conducted about a year in First Baptist Church of Monterrey. After that, the seminary had a ten-year exile in Texas, at San Antonio and El Paso. It was a memorable day when the Mexican Seminary reopened in Torreon in 1946, where it remained until the move to Mexico City in August, 1974. In the fall of 1974 with Dr. Pat Carter as president, there was a record enrollment of 86.

When Dr. Watkins founded the seminary at Torreon he had been in Mexico for twelve years. Born March 27, 1857 in Calhoun County, Alabama, he graduated from Mississippi College in 1886 and then attended Southern Seminary 1884-1888. Later he received M.A. and D.D. degrees from MC.

The year of his graduation from Mississippi College he was ordained to the ministry in First Church, Jackson. The ordaining council included Dr. H. S. Sproles, Dr. W. S. Webb, and Dr. J. B. Gambrell.

In 1888 he married Ava Burton of Indiana. He and his wife arrived as newly appointed missionaries in Muzquiz, Mexico, January 5, 1889. Eleven years later, in 1900, they lost three little girls from diphtheria — Georgia, Margaret, and Helen.

About the close of 1900, while the Watkins were stationed in Torreon, a young Mexican preacher, George Berumen Mixim, came to visit them. During conversation with Dr. Watkins, this man said, "In the field that I care for there are several young men who because of their talents and consecration ought to be prepared to preach. Couldn't you get the Foreign Mission Board to help a little in organizing a seminary?"

The missionary replied that the Board did not have the money, but if Mr. Mixim would get the young men together he would manage some way to feed them. Immediately George telegraphed a friend to send horses to a certain point so that he could visit these fields and bring in young students. Within a few days three young men had answered the call to become fishers of men. At first they lived in the back room of the Watkins' home next door to the Baptist church in Torreon. The classes they attended were in the church.

When George reached Torreon with his boys, Dr. Watkins said, "Now we need a teacher, because the Board has no money with which to pay one."

George Berumen Mixim had been born near Zacatecas in 1876. His mother died when he was born. His father, though claiming to be a Catholic, did not really believe all the things that the Catholics taught. From study of the Bible and with the help of a Presbyterian preacher, George became a Christian. Later he decided that his beliefs were the same as those of the Baptists, and he was baptized November 3, 1897, by Dr. A. C. Watkins. The church at Zacatecas ordained him to the ministry in 1899, with Dr. Watkins presiding on the church council.

After he brought the students in readiness to start the seminary, George agreed to stay as a teacher. He used his own small library and began work looking to God for guidance. In August, 1904, he returned to the pastorate at Zacatecas. Due to difficulties in a brewing revolution, he and his wife went to Texas in 1914 and for



The new campus of the Mexican Baptist Seminary in Mexico City includes a 450-seat chapel (top photo) with classrooms in the basement and multi-purpose building (bottom), including dorm, library, cafeteria, offices, and some faculty quarters.

37 years he was pastor of the Mexican Baptist Church in Brownsville.

Because of Mrs. Watkins' failing health, she returned with her husband to the States in 1903. She died in Clinton, Mississippi, August 4, 1904. Leaving his three remaining daughters with relatives in Clinton, Dr. Watkins returned to Mexico.

On September 28, 1905, he married Rose Angel Schantz, Nebraska native who had gone as a single missionary teacher to Toluca in 1903. After this marriage he was transferred to Saltillo in 1906 where he directed the Madero Institute, a Baptist school for girls. The Watkins remained there until 1908 when conditions in Mexico made it necessary that they resign and return to the United States.

Of Dr. Watkins' children, six grew to be adults: Mrs. Edna W. Hewitt, now deceased; Mrs. Ava W. Collier David, deceased; Mrs. Edith W. Overton of Jackson (mother of Mrs. Bill Waller); A. C. Watkins of Jackson; Mrs. Anita W. Clinton of Monticello; and Mrs. Ruth W. Street of Clinton (mother of Dr. James Street, pastor, First, Wiggins.) Granddaughters who married ministers are Mrs. Ava Collier Leavell and Mrs. Gloria Overton Martin.

Dr. Watkins held pastorates in Pascagoula, Mississippi, and at Bastrop, Louisiana, was enlistment secretary for Louisiana Baptists, and then again entered the pastorate, serving at Rayville, Delhi, and Crowley. The pastorate in Crowley (1919 - 1923) gave him a chance to use his missionary skills, for the town was overwhelmingly French Catholic. He counseled with young French Baptist preachers, many who had been Christians just a few years. He also spent much time with Negro Baptist pastors of the community, teaching them the Bible and Baptist doctrines.

After retirement, Dr. Watkins returned to Clinton where he responded to calls of churches for part-time services. During these later years he taught at Hillman College and Mississippi College. Again, he had a chance to counsel with young ministers.

He died in Jackson, Mississippi, November 29, 1931.

While in Mexico he had baptized 385 persons, organized ten churches and built three churches and two missionary homes. During his years as a pioneer missionary his courage and fearlessness were often tested by fanatics who sought to stop the work of Baptists. He acquired a deep understanding of the problems that then beset the country in which he ministered.

Probably the most fruitful part of his nineteen years' work in Mexico was that in the educational field — especially the work with the young Mexican preachers and the establishment of the Baptist seminary for them in Torreon. George Berumen Mixim has already been mentioned as one of those Dr. Watkins baptized. Rev. Donato Ruiz, a student in the earliest days of the Mexican seminary, was another of his "preacher boys." Of him, Dr. Watkins said, "He will go far in serving the Lord, for he has the understanding and the spirit." Later Mr. Ruiz did become a noted Mexican evangelist, and had a long preaching career in Texas.

He married Agustina Flores, one of the teachers at Madero Institute while Dr. Watkins was president there.

In 1942, Mrs. Watkins, then living at Clinton, Mississippi, got a letter from Mrs. Ruiz of San Angelo, Texas: "Your letter of January 28 gave me greatest surprise and joy and made me go back in remembrances of Saltillo to live again the things of 34 years ago when as Miss Agustina Flores I was one of the teachers of Madero Institute of which Dr. Watkins was president and you were the dean of women. As no men were allowed to disturb the peace, I remember those concerts in your home when you played the select music, those organ and piano lessons you gave me when Margaret Ponce could not do it, that gentle look in and with your eyes when you wanted the girls to do something, that beautiful picture of deer you gave me, and the little handkerchiefs I gave you at the very last days of your stay in Saltillo, and the very last words Dr. Watkins said just before the train started out from Saltillo to the United States: 'If I do not see you again here, then I shall see you in heaven.'"

Now through a memorial trust fund, Dr. Watkins' influence can be continued in lives of students at the Mexican Baptist Seminary.

Camp For Deaf Youths Slated For Louisiana

A tri-state youth camp for the deaf June 9-14 at Tall Timbers Encampment near Forest Hill, La., will be sponsored by the department of ministry to the deaf in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

Rev. Rodney Webb, Jackson, associate in the Department of Cooperative Ministries and language missions director for Mississippi Baptists, said that any deaf or hard-of-hearing youth between the ages of 10 and 20 in the three-state area, regardless of denominational affiliation, will be welcomed.

The purpose is to bring together deaf youths for nature hikes, campfires, worship, Bible study, games, discussion groups, crafts, and movies, he indicated. There will be baseball, basketball, volleyball, ping pong, swimming, and other sports activities, he added.

Activities begin at 3 p.m. June 9, and the camp will close at 9 a.m. June 14. Texas youths who are deaf would also be welcome, it was indicated.

Mississippi deaf youths should contact Rev. Webb at Box 530, Jackson 39205. Director of deaf ministries for the Louisiana Baptist Convention is Larry Barnett. In Arkansas Robert E. Parrish is missionary for the deaf.

This will be the first of the three-state camps for the deaf, Rev. Webb said. They will be held on a rotating basis. The next one will be in Arkansas, and the 1977 camp will be in Mississippi.

Participants should take a Bible, a notebook, a pen, two sheets, pillow case, blanket, toilet articles, rain attire, comfortable clothes, swim suit, and a tennis racket if that is needed.

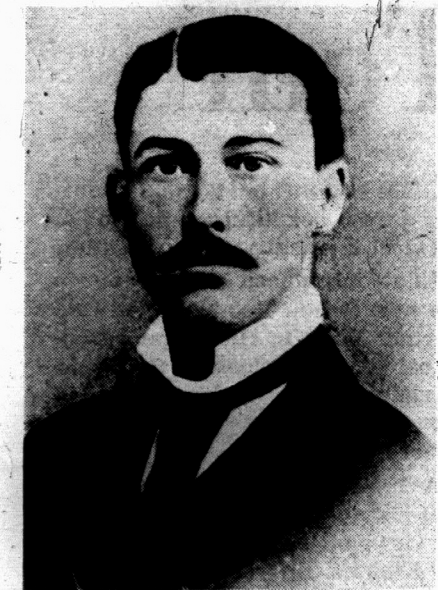
Food, lodging, insurance, and study materials will be covered in the total cost of \$35. Rev. Webb suggested there might be individuals or churches which would be interested in providing scholarships for the camp.

Revival Results

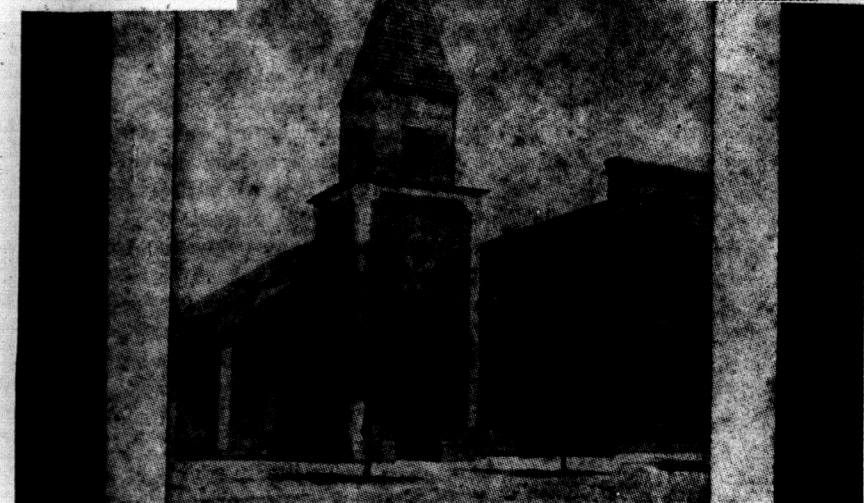
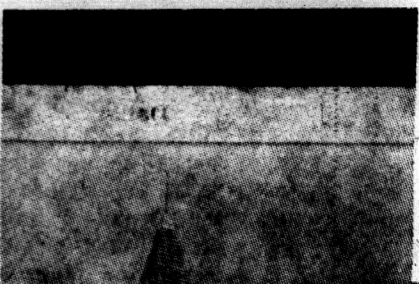
Shiloh (Winston): April 3-5; Rev. Bobby Waggoner, pastor, Evergreen Church, Louisville, evangelist; 38 professions of faith; numerous rededications; Rev. Auzie Sullivan, pastor.

Glendale Church, Leland: seven for baptism; nine by letter; 20 rededications.

Shiloh (Lafayette): Rev. Jimmy Grubbs from Memphis, evangelist; 17 professions of faith; 14 uniting with the church, for baptism; 18 rededications; one addition by letter; excellent attendance every night. (The evangelist held a baptismal service at the close of the meeting, since the church is without a pastor.)



Dr. Asa Carroll Watkins, graduate of Mississippi College and later professor there, was missionary to Mexico, 1889 to 1904. He founded the Mexican Baptist seminary in 1901.

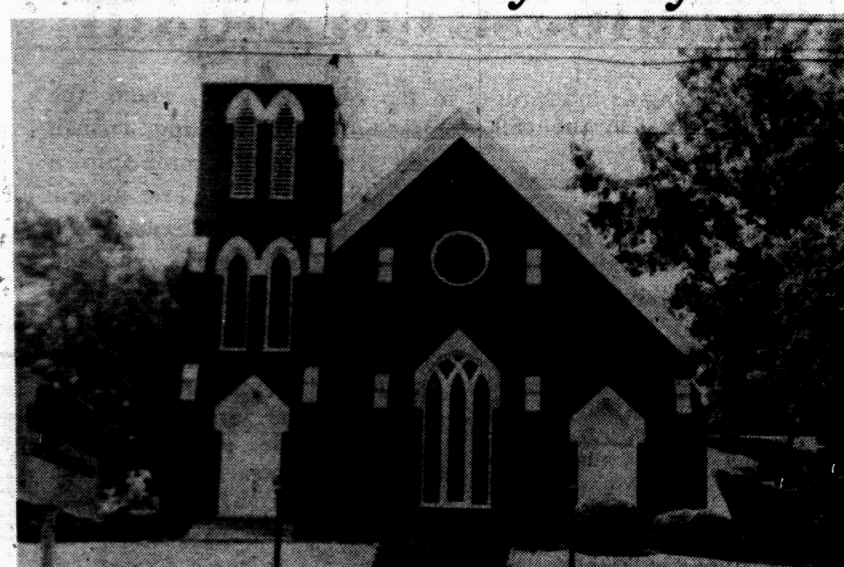


First Baptist Church, Torreon, Mexico, was the site where the Mexican Baptist Seminary began in 1901 under direction of Dr. A. C. Watkins. The first students lived in the Watkins home, pictured next to the church. D. Ruiz, upper left, was one of the first students. George Berumen Mixim, upper right, was one of the first teachers.



Dr. Watkins was director of the Madero Institute, a Baptist school for girls in Saltillo, 1906-1908.

Carrollton Church To Mark 142nd Anniversary May 25



In conjunction with its 142nd anniversary, Carrollton Church will observe homecoming on May 25. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

Revival services will be held May 25-30 at 8 p.m., with Rev. Bill Webb, pastor of Midway, Meridian, bringing the messages. The music will be directed by Bernard Taylor, church music director. The pastor is Rev. Ronald Ballard.

The church was established in 1833 near Coila and called Bethel. The church was moved in 1835 to Carrollton. For a while, meetings were held at various homes of members. In November 1835 the Carrollton Academy offered the Baptists the use of their building free of charge one Saturday and Sunday in each month.

In 1838 the first sanctuary of the Carrollton church was erected. The present building, erected in 1894, was recently renovated. Carrollton Church officially became a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention on April 4, 1838.

MADRID, Spain — The Villavieja Baptist Church here reached two historical moments recently. They completed their building program and became financially independent.

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Dangers Of False Security

By Wm. J. Falls
Isaiah 31:1-3; Jeremiah 7:1-15; 26;
Micah 6:6-8

In 1930-34 France built a formidable series of forts and tunnels along its border with Germany from Switzerland to Belgium. Guns in turrets, elaborate underground housing, mine fields and barbedwire for about 200 miles—this Maginot Line appeared to be impregnable. But when Hitler's army headed for France in 1940, it did not bother to assault the Line until its planes and tanks had gone around its western end. Thus, one of the greatest fortifications of all time was neutralized by a new style of warfare. For six years France felt secure behind the Maginot Line, but when real danger came, people realized it had been a handicap rather than a help. What social patterns or institutions are we depending on today for security in the threatening currents of modern life? Are they true or false?

The Lesson Explained
Right Living Above Rallies
Jer. 7:4-7

In 622 B.C. King Josiah began a great purification of religion in Judah. Its key feature was the discovery of a large part of the book of Deuteronomy (2 Kings 22:8-11). That book of the Law led Josiah to rid the country of idolatry and lead the people back to worship the Lord. Some passages in Jeremiah show that the prophet supported the movement at first. But when it declined into formalism and legalism, Jeremiah criticized it.

Many scholars call this chapter 7 "the Temple sermon" and say it was delivered at a time of great stress in the nation's history (Jer. 26:1-6). When Josiah was killed in battle, his oldest son succeeded him, but Jeremiah doubted Jehoiakim's character.

Verse 4 suggests the slogan of king, priests, and other leaders in rebuilding the confidence of the people. The Temple was the symbol of God's presence and focus of religious devotion. It represented the covenant the people had with the Lord and his promises to them. Surely, if they were loyal to the Temple, the Lord would meet their needs. But Jeremiah declared against the "lying words" which overlooked God's demand for justice, kindness for the disadvantaged, protection for the in-

nocent, and cessation of idolatry (vv. 5-6). Religious rallies and slogans could not take the place of right living.

Robbers In The Temple
Jer. 7:8-12

If the people would change their ways and live by God's laws, he promised that they would live in their land forever. But they insisted on trusting in "lying words" of those who were using religion to soothe the people. To make his accusation even sharper, Jeremiah asks in verses 9 and 10 a question that refers to six of the Ten Commandments. Do you have the audacity to violate all these laws and still come into the Temple and say, "We are safe"? He did not mean that sinners were forbidden to enter the Temple; he was appalled that after scorning the Lord they would still run to the Temple without repentance.

In verse 11 he voices the Lord's outrage: Has this house, which bears my name, become a rendezvous for robbers? Is it your hideout after finishing your crimes? This charge struck at priests who did not declare judgment from God's law. It probably pointed also to the king and elders who were "using" religion to give the people a sense of security. Then Jeremiah said if they wanted to know what the Lord would do to them, they ought to visit the ruins of Shiloh. Even as the Lord had destroyed that early sanctuary, Jeremiah promised he would wreck the Temple and punish the people whose lives had profaned it (vv. 14-15).

What God Requires
Mic. 6:6-8

The first two verses of this passage have the people speaking; in the last, Micah speaks for God. Although Micah's ministry was more than a century earlier than Jeremiah's, the basic problem was the same. The people thought that the Lord wanted them to maintain a "religion" while he really wanted them to live to demonstrate God's justice and mercy.

Here they are asking how to behave before the Lord—what to bring and how to bow. If he would be pleased with one ram, how would he like a thousand? What would it take to satisfy him? Perhaps, like Moloch, he wanted human sacrifices? It is hard to know whether they were showing frustration or sarcasm. But Micah's answer has become the classic description of Old Testament ethical religion. The Lord made it clear they were to be just in all their dealings. They were to be faithful in their kindness, not the kind of mercy that is shown today and denied tomorrow. They were to live humbly (or perhaps "wisely") in God's presence.

So, Micah gives the customary answer of the prophet of God; he is more concerned with obedience than with sacrifice. Whenever religious ritual takes the place of a right relationship with God, it is a false security.

Revival Dates

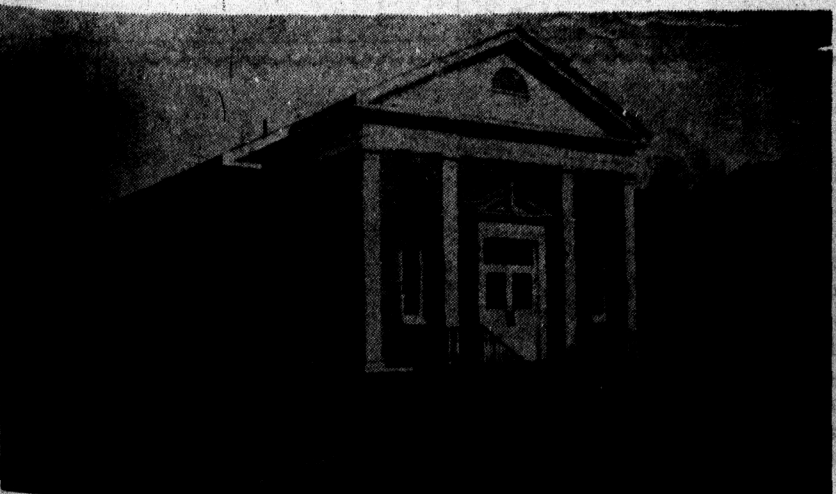
Johnson Creek (Greene): May 25-30; Rev. Rayford Moore, pastor of West Salem Church, evangelist; Robert Goff, formerly of Lucedale, music director; Rev. James T. Harrison of Mobile, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming Day will be Sunday, May 25, with lunch served at the church.)

Tuckers Crossing, Laurel: May 25-30; Rev. Wayne DuBose, pastor, Magnolia Street, Laurel, evangelist; Floyd Grice, minister of music, same church, singer; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. B. Aaron Foy, pastor.

Pearl Valley (Copliah): May 25-30; Sunday, regular services with dinner on the ground; Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Arnold Robinson, Philadelphia, evangelist; Rev. Ricky Kennedy, pastor.

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Collins Church To Mark 75th Anniversary May 25

Collins Church will mark its 75th anniversary on May 25, announces Rev. Joe Ratcliff, pastor. Mrs. Charles Tyler is general chairman of arrangements for the two special anniversary services to be held, one at the regular 11 a.m. worship hour and the other at 1:30 p.m. An old fashioned "dinner on the ground" will be featured.

Bringing the morning message will be Dr. Robert S. Magee, native of Collins and former longtime member of the church, now pastor of First, Ruston, La.

At least three former pastors, Rev. Houston Smith, Rev. Carless Evans and Rev. Clyde Little, will appear on the afternoon program. Also on the afternoon program will be a number of former ministers of music. Lloyd Mims, minister of music and youth, is in charge of music presentations for both services.

Collins Church was organized May 20, 1900 with twelve charter members, as follows: W. J. Carter, Sallie Carter, J. F. Williamson, C. E. Williamson, W. L. Wil-

liamson, Mollie Williamson, Mary Nall, E. E. Robertson, Bettie Robertson, A. T. Higgins, A. J. Abercromble and Hester Abercromble. Rev. J. L. Finley was chosen as pastor.

The first meeting was held in a planing mill shed of Williamsburg Lumber Company and subsequent meetings in a small store. A building constructed in 1902 stood until destroyed by a tornado in 1924.

The present building was dedicated in 1956. A major expansion and renovation project was completed in 1967.

Current value of church property, which includes a youth center, pastorium and minister of music home, is \$250,000. Present membership is 583.

In recent years the church has been distinguished for its growth in Christian giving and has been recognized for its stewardship. In 1974, it ranked twenty-second among all churches in the state in per capita gifts, with 23% of all undesignated receipts sent to the Cooperative program.



Secretaries' Conference Held

Some 100 persons from all areas of Mississippi gathered May 6 and 7 for the Secretary Conference in the Baptist Building at Jackson. All types of secretaries were present.

Areas of emphasis included How to Succeed As A Secretary; The Secretary's Personal Enrichment Program; Working Relationships; Equipment and Efficiency; a film, "Pack Your Own Chute"; and a skit on the secretary and her boss.

Those appearing on program were Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary - treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; A. L. Nelson, comptroller-business manager, MBCB; Rev. Leon Emery, church administration consultant, MBCB; Rev. Bill Nimmons, pastor, First Church, Tupelo; Rev. Louis Smith, pastor, Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson; Miss Frances Skully, professor, Mississippi College; Wes Jennings, IBM, Jackson; Mrs. Ruby Russell, secretary, Baptist Building; and Mrs. Barbara Taylor, administrative assistant, WMU office, MBCB.

A similar conference is scheduled for May 4 and 5, 1976.

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Baptist Standard Largest State Paper, Changes Location

DALLAS (BP) — The Baptist Standard, largest of the Southern Baptist state papers, has moved to its new building which also will house the company which prints the paper.

The Standard's new location is in a business park near the Dallas city limits and just off the turnpike to Fort Worth. Cost of the facilities is \$1.2 million.

The Standard, with a weekly circulation of 373,000, has the first building in its 87-year history designed for its own operations and that of its printer, according to its editor, John Hurt.

The Baptist Standard has been located for 25 years on the edge of the Dallas business district. Its new address is 2343 Lone Star Drive (P. O. Box 6330, Dallas, 75222).

Singing Women Set Rehearsal Date

The Mississippi Singing Women will rehearse Tuesday, June 3, in the Chapel of the Baptist Building in Jackson. The rehearsal will begin at 3:30 p.m. and end at 7 p.m., making it more convenient for women who work during the day to attend. Although the group has been organized for several months, new members are welcome.

Qualifications for membership state that a woman should be a music director, wife of music director, accompanist or serving on a music staff, or a graded choir worker.

Rehearsals are scheduled once every six weeks, usually in Jackson, but occasionally moving to other areas of the state. Anyone interested in visiting the rehearsal or becoming a member of the group should contact Nan Grant-ham, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205, or telephone 354-3704 No. 266.

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Names In The News

Art work of Dr. Sam Gore, head of the art department at Mississippi College, is on exhibit through August in the U. S. Capitol Building in Suite H-328, Committee Room and Office Suite of the House Administration Committee.



Come Church has added to its staff two summer workers, Mrs. Dennis Fitts, left, and Mrs. Scott Stone. Mrs. Fitts has been director of youth activities previously. The program under her direction then included all activities for all ages, pre-school — college. This summer the youth activities will include only junior high school — college ages and will be directed by Mrs. Fitts. A second worker, Mrs. Stone, will direct a summer children's program for pre-school — sixth grade ages. Rev. Clyde C. Rogers is pastor and Bob W. Dees is minister of music and youth.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Young, missionaries to Bangladesh, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 125 Cannonade St., Kosciusko, Miss. 39090). Both are natives of Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman P. Hayes, missionaries to Vietnam, are temporarily in Thailand (address: Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand). Before they were appointed in 1959, he was pastor of South McComb Church, McComb, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Longbottom Jr., missionaries to Vietnam, are temporarily in Taiwan (address: c/o Michael Wilson, Box 27-24, Taichung 400, Taiwan, Republic of China). He is a native of Meridian.



Four Mississippians were among the pastors and church leaders attending the second annual Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's media consultation in Fort Worth. Dr. Paul M. Stevens (center), president of the Radio-TV Commission, presented David H. Ward (right) of Jackson's First Church, with a certificate for having participated in the consultation. Looking on are (from left) Robert Gray, minister of music, and Rev. William F. Evans, pastor, First Church, New Albany, and Rev. Beverly Timlin, pastor, First Church, Meridian. — Radio-TV Commission Photo

Four Mississippi writers contributed to April-May-June quarter literature published by the Sunday School Board. Louise Garrett, Starkville, wrote for "Baptist Youth" (Church Training), and Charles Myers, pastor of Alta Woods, Jackson, for "Life & Work Lesson Recording." L. Craig Radloff, pastor of University, Hattiesburg, wrote for "Source" (Church Training), and Betty Sue Smith of Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, for "Exploring C for Leaders" (Church Training).

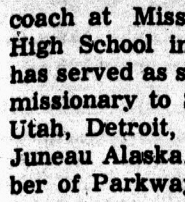


Jeanna Carter, nine, and her father, Kenneth Carter, Fellowship Church (Tippah), have eight years perfect attendance in Sunday School and Doyle Eaton (next to table) has presented them with their pins. Mr. Eaton is Sunday School director. Mr. Carter is chairman of deacons. Rev. Roy E. Marshall is pastor.

William Carey College student Graham Boutwell of Picayune expresses appreciation to Mrs. E. K. Wheeler of Mobile for having selected him as the first recipient of a scholarship set up in memory of her late husband. Boutwell, who will graduate on May 17, has used the special funds during his senior year. He is physical education major and the son of a Baptist minister. An avid Carey Crusader fan, Wheeler passed away in 1973. He was the father of Dr. Milton Wheeler, chairman of Carey's department of history and social sciences.

Evangelist Carey P. Douglas of Wesson preached in a revival recently at Lydia Church, Charleston, S.C. There were eight professions of faith. Rev. George Owen is the pastor. Mr. Douglas also preached recently in a revival at Calvary, Dorchester, S.C. with pastor, John Mitchell. He reports that the church was filled every time, "with standing room only, and many souls saved."

Glade Church, Laurel, has called Bo Gore, as youth director. Graduate of Northwest Junior College and Mississippi College, received his B. S. degree in recreation and physical education. He was formerly teacher and coach at Mississippi Baptist High School in Jackson, and has served as student summer missionary to Salt Lake City, Utah, Detroit, Michigan; and Juneau Alaska. He is a member of Parkway, Jackson.



Truman Thompson has accepted the position of minister of music and youth at Bayou View, Gulfport. Upon his graduation in July, 1975 from New Orleans Seminary he will become a full-time staff member and will move on the church field.

Native Mississippian, he graduated from Mississippi State University. He is working on his Master of Church Music degree at the seminary. He goes to Bayou View from Kenner, Louisiana where he was minister of music at University City Mission. He and the pastor of Bayou View, Rev. Tom Gautier, served together at that mission. He is married to the former Linda Chaney, and they have two children.

Summer Missionary

Mississippi College Student, Nay Bennett, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Bennett, who is pastor of Byram Church, Jackson, will serve as a summer missionary in the northwestern part of New York during June.



August. The opportunity is being provided through the Department of Special Mission Ministries of the Home Mission Board with sponsorship by Byram Church.

Devotional

"Kept!"

By J. B. Fowler, Jr., Pastor
First Church, McComb

Many of us have seen the Golden Gate Bridge at San Francisco. To see it at sunrise or at sunset in all of its magnificent splendor is a sight not soon forgotten. The total cost of constructing the Golden Gate Bridge was \$77,000,000. During the early stages of building the bridge no safety devices were used and twenty-three men fell to their deaths in the waters far below. During the second part of the construction, however, it was decided to install the world's largest and costliest safety net beneath that portion of the bridge on which they were working. The cost of the net was \$100,000 but it was well worth it because the net saved the lives of at least ten workers who fell into it without any injury. In addition to saving these lives, the work went 15 to 25 percent faster because the workmen knew that they were safe from falling. When the fear of falling was taken away, the workmen did better work.

When we Christians realize that our salvation is eternal and secure and that we are not in danger of falling out of a state of grace it frees us to love Christ and serve him with a joy and thrill that we cannot know otherwise. Christ is our safety net. He is able to keep us from falling.

Although there are many passages in the New Testament that clearly teach the doctrine of the eternal security of the believer, I think there is none that speaks any more clearly than does I John 5:18. Here, in this one passage, John gives us at least three reasons that we need have no fear of falling.

"We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not."

First, our salvation is secure because we have been born of God. This is what he says in the first part of verse 18: "We know that whosoever is born of God does not continue to sin." Literally the verse says that we are born "out of God." His blood is in our veins. His nature is our nature. We have been given his righteousness. His character is being developed within us. We are his sons and daughters by grace through faith. We belong to him just as surely as a son belongs to his mother. The birth process, either physical or spiritual, cannot be reversed. Nothing that we can do will change the fact that we are our mother's son or that we are God's son through Jesus Christ. Although we may err and backslide, and lose the joy of our salvation, our salvation is secure because we have been born again of God. One cannot become "unborn."

Secondly, our salvation is secured because Jesus keeps us. One of the great preachers of Scotland in earlier days was John McNeill. He once told about a man in Scotland who was dying. When the old saint was asked what he wanted to have inscribed on his headstone, his simple reply was only one word: "Kept!" He did not want his name on it. He did not want any dates on it. He only wanted on the headstone the one word: "Kept!"

It is a great truth expressed in one word. In the second part of verse 18 this is exactly what John says: "But he that is begotten of God, keeps him (the believer)." Jesus, then, is the one who keeps the believer. Our salvation does not depend upon our feeble grip on him. It depends on his firm grip on us.

Finally, our salvation is secure because Satan cannot permanently lay hold on us again. John says this is the last part of verse 18, "... and that wicked one touches him not." Once we were without Christ. We were securely held in Satan's grasp. When we repented from our sins and placed our faith in Jesus, Satan's grasp on us was broken. We were snatched from his hands and placed securely and eternally in the hands of Christ. When the verse says that Satan no longer "touches" the believer, it doesn't mean that we will never have trouble with him after we are saved. Rather, it means that Satan can never dominate us again as he once did. He will tempt us and we may fall into sin, but he cannot permanently hold us there as before. John tells us, in I John 4:4: "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

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Just For The Record

Friendship

Plans Homecoming

Friendship, Route 2, Brookhaven, will observe homecoming May 25. The day will include Sunday school, morning and afternoon worship services. Lunch will be served. A former member, Rev. Ronny Robinson, pastor at Pearlhaven Church, will be speaker at morning and afternoon services. Jamall Badry of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma will direct the music. Rev. Wiley Reid is pastor.

Concord Homecoming

Rev. James Jackson, pastor of Concord (Franklin) will bring the morning message on May 25 at 11, for homecoming day. Dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. followed by afternoon service at 1:30. Rev. H. S. Whitten, former pastor, will bring the afternoon message. Song leader for the event will be Eldred Wallace, Meadville. Offering will be taken for the upkeep of the cemetery.

Antioch Homecoming

At Antioch (Lawrence) homecoming May 25, Rev. Charles Richey will deliver the morning message. An old-fashioned dinner on the grounds will be served at noon. Central Churchmen and Gospel Shadows will be guests at the afternoon singing, according to Rev. M. L. Douglas, pastor.

Poplar Creek Nations To Dedicate Building

Poplar Creek Nations Church will have memorial services and dedicate their new building on Sunday, May 25. Pastor H. B. Vinson will bring the special message and a choral group from Baptist Children's Village will sing.

Brewer To Dedicate New Pastor's Home

Brewer Church near Richton will observe homecoming day and dedication of their new parsonage on May 25. Morning worship will be followed by dinner on the grounds and the dedication service at 2 p.m., with guest speakers at both services. Rev. H. L. Deason is pastor.

New Hope Homecoming

Homecoming at New Hope Church, Lafayette County, will be the first Sunday in June. Rev. Dewey Metts will preach the 11 o'clock message.

Lunch will be served, followed by singing and fellowship in the afternoon.

The Christians Airs from College Hill Heights Church, Oxford, will sing.

Rev. J. W. Massie from Sardis is pastor.

First, New Augusta To Dedicate Building

First Church, New Augusta, will dedicate their new education annex on May 25 at 11 a.m. Dr. Lowrey Compere, pictured, president of Clarke College, will be guest speaker.



Joe Bill Adams, interim music director, will be in charge of the music. Rev. Luther C. Newell, Jr., pastor, announces that dinner will be served at the church following the dedication program.

Cemetery Day At Harland's Creek

Harland's Creek (Holmes County) will have its annual Cemetery Day on Saturday, May 31, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Members and friends will assemble to work in the cemetery. Opportunity also is given for friends to make gifts to the cemetery fund. David L. Meeks and J. F. Harthcock are the cemetery committee. The church may be addressed at R. 4, Lexington.

Homecoming At Calvin, La.

First Church, Calvin, Louisiana will hold annual homecoming service on June 1 and would like to invite and encourage previous pastors, members and friends to attend. Contact the church for further information. Rev. Donald B. Turner is pastor.



Ingalls Avenue Begins New Building

Groundbreaking was held recently for activities and educational building at Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula. Left to right: Doug Shore, J. B. Duncan, Chairman of Deacons, Richard Collum, Building Committee Chairman, turning dirt, H. T. Smith, Dr. Allen O. Webb, pastor, and Ray Blackman, Sunday School director. The new building will include a full sized gymnasium, kitchen, play room, lounge area, and six Youth or Adult Sunday School Departments. Completion of the building is expected within three to four months.

W. Salem Homecoming

West Salem Church, Greene County, will celebrate annual homecoming on June 1.

Natchez Choir To Present "Alleluia"

The sanctuary choir of Natchez, First Church, with 25 members of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra, will present Alleluia by Bill Gaither on Thursday, May 22, 8 p.m. at The Natchez Civic Center.

Area Crusade In Brookhaven

An area crusade sponsored by Lincoln County Baptists will be held at Brookhaven High School Football Stadium May 25-31, with services at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Gray Allison will be evangelist and Jamall Badry will be music evangelist.

In case of rain, meetings will be held at First Church, Brookhaven.



Pastor Appreciation

It was pastor appreciation day at First Church, Poplarville, on May 4, when the church honored its pastor, Dr. Robert Barnes, and his family. The deacons of the church promoted the project, and it was a surprise to the pastor. Above Deacon Chairman Mack Stewart, left, presents a plaque to Pastor Barnes. Standing behind the pastor are, left to right, Mrs. Barnes, Allen, and Kathy. Son Bryant was not available for the picture. John Alexander, director of the Stewardship Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, represented the board during the morning worship service and delivered the message.

Off The Record

The bright young lady approached the clothier's counter and asked the clerk, "What would you suggest as a suitable gift for a distinguished gentleman on his birthday?"

"Well, ma'am," replied the clerk, "how about something nice in ties?"

"No, I don't think so," said the girl. "You see he has a beard."

"Oh, I see," continued the clerk. "Then how about a fancy vest?"

"N-no," hesitated the girl. "You see, it's a rather long beard."

The clerk sighed wearily.

"Well, how about carpet slippers?" — American Opinion

The owner of a store which had recently been burglarized met a friend at lunch.

"That was a shame about the robbery!" the friend remarked. "How much did you lose?"

The store owner shrugged. "Enough. But it could have been a lot worse if the burglar had broken in the night before."

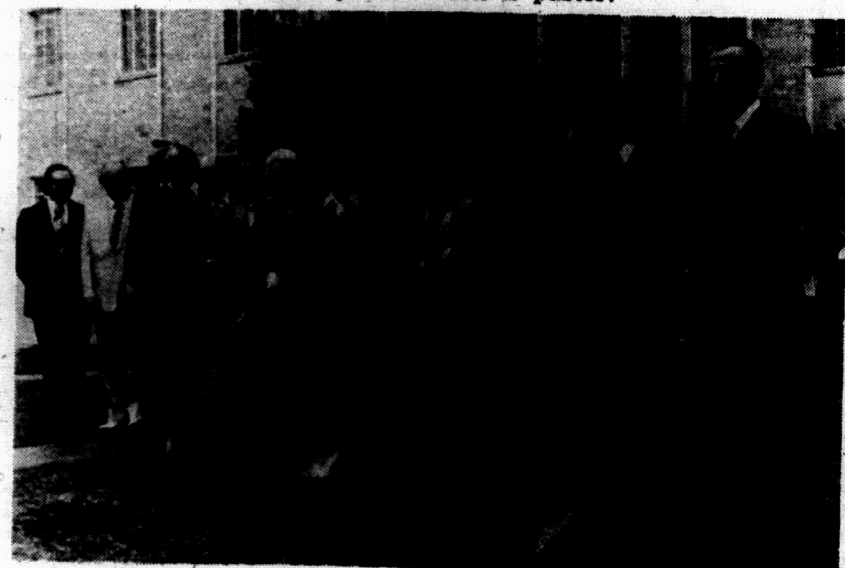
"Why so?" questioned the friend.

"Well, just the morning of the robbery, we marked everything off thirty percent." — Nuggets.

Dean, Acting Administrator Named By College

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP) — The board of trustees of North Greenville College, a Baptist school in the suburb of Tigerville, have named the school's vice president of development, Ryan Eklund, as chief administrative officer while a new president is being sought.

In March, Harold E. Lindsey, president of the school since 1970, resigned in the wake of controversy among faculty and students concerning his actions as president. The latest trustee action relieves him of all administrative, other than on an advisory and consultative basis.



Highland, Meridian Breaks Ground

Highland Church, Meridian, broke ground April 13 for construction of an auditorium, fellowship hall, library and office suite. Left to right are Rev. J. Carroll Hamilton, pastor; Jack Bates; Murphy Culpepper; O. L. Snowden, contractor; Jimmy Kemp; Vernon Brandon; Mrs. J. P. Lamb; Mrs. Earlie Cooper; Joe Dill; C. W. Makamson; Mrs. Charles Tinnin; Harmon Dawkins; Phil Davis; J. T. Morgan, Jr.; Lyle V. Corey, Chairman of Building Committee. Other members of the committee not pictured are Mrs. W. E. Bounds, Paul Franklin, Royce Kimbrell, Jr., and E. H. Richie.